Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~16~~ 28 wherein the narrowband communication line is a private line.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~16~~ 28 including:

detecting packets at a receiving end of the channel in the second virtual circuit connection, wherein the packets contain information representative of an association between one of the channels and the narrowband circuit;

establishing a path from the receiving end of the channel in the second virtual circuit connection to the narrowband circuit; and

releasing resources associated with a path from a receiving end of the narrowband circuit to the channel in the first virtual circuit connection.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~16~~ 28 wherein rolling over the narrowband communication line to the channel in the second virtual circuit connection is transparent to end-users.

18-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) The article of claim ~~23~~ 31 including instructions for causing the ~~computer~~ system to:

detect packets at a receiving end of the channel in the second virtual circuit connection, wherein the packets contain information representative of an association between one of the channels and the narrowband circuit; and

establish a path from the receiving end of the channel in the second virtual circuit connection to the narrowband circuit.

25. (Currently amended) The article of claim ~~23~~ 31 including instructions for causing the ~~computer~~ system to release resources associated with a path from a receiving end of the narrowband circuit to the channel in the first virtual circuit connection.

26. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~16~~ 28 including reassigning a telephone circuit from the channel in the first virtual circuit connection to the channel in the second virtual circuit connection.

27. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~16~~ 28 wherein the rolling over occurs in response to receiving a request to reassign the narrowband circuit from the channel in the first virtual circuit connection to the channel in the second virtual circuit connection.

28. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 16 including:~~

A method of providing narrowband communication services comprising:

rolling over a narrowband communication line that traverses a channel in a first virtual circuit connection in a packet network to a channel in a second virtual circuit connection in the packet network, wherein the rolling over includes:

broadcasting traffic from a narrowband circuit over the channels in the first and second virtual circuit connections;

transmitting out-of-service patterns on unused channels in the second virtual circuit connection;

detecting packets having patterns other than out-of-service patterns; and

reconfiguring resources to establish an incoming path from the channel in the second virtual circuit connection to a receiving side of the narrowband circuit.

29. (Currently amended) The article of claim ~~23~~ 31 including instructions for causing the system to:

reassign a telephone circuit from the channel in the first virtual circuit connection to the channel in the second virtual circuit connection.

30. (Currently amended) The article of claim ~~23~~ 31 wherein the rolling over occurs in response to receiving a request to reassign the narrowband circuit from the channel in the first virtual circuit connection to the channel in the second virtual circuit connection.

31. (Currently amended) ~~The article of claim 23 including instructions for causing the system to:~~

An article comprising a machine-readable storage medium for storing machine-executable instructions for causing a system to roll over a private line that traverses a channel in a first virtual circuit connection in a packet network to a channel in a second virtual circuit connection in the packet network, wherein the rolling over includes:

broadcasting traffic from a narrowband circuit forming part of the private line over the channels in the first and second virtual circuit connections

transmitting out-of-service patterns on unused channels in the second virtual circuit connection;

detecting packets having patterns other than out-of-service patterns; and

reconfiguring ~~reconfigure~~ resources to establish an incoming path from the channel in second virtual circuit connection to a receiving side of the narrowband circuit.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~32~~ 36 wherein the gateway is adapted to:

detect packets at a receiving end of the channel in the second virtual circuit connection, wherein the packets contain information representative of an association between one of the channels and the narrowband circuit; and

establish a path from the receiving end of the channel in the second virtual circuit connection to the narrowband circuit.

34. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~32~~ 36 wherein the gateway is adapted to release resources associated with a path from a receiving end of the narrowband circuit to the channel in the first virtual circuit connection.

35. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~32~~ 36 wherein the gateway is adapted to perform the rolling over in response to receiving a request to reassign the narrowband circuit from the channel in the first virtual circuit connection to the channel in the second virtual circuit connection.

36. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 32 wherein the gateway is adapted to:~~

An apparatus including a gateway adapted to roll over a private line that traverses a channel in a first virtual circuit connection in a packet network to a channel in a second virtual circuit connection in the packet network, wherein the rolling over includes:

broadcasting traffic from a narrowband circuit forming part of the private line over the channels in the first and second virtual circuit connections;

transmitting out-of-service patterns on unused channels in the second virtual circuit connection;

detecting packets having patterns other than out-of-service patterns; and

reconfiguring ~~reconfigure~~ resources to establish an incoming path from the channel in second virtual circuit connection to a receiving side of the narrowband circuit.